



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Recent Rainfall Provides Some Relief

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 22, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	100	99	97	98
Corn Dough	83	74	45	64
Corn Dented	59	44	13	27
Corn Mature	29	11	0	7
Corn Harvested	2	N/A	0	0
Cotton Squaring	96	91	60	80
Cotton Setting Bolls	76	39	35	43
Peanuts Pegged	71	68	36	43
Soybeans Blooming	77	70	36	49
Soybeans Setting Pods	34	30	8	18
Winter Wheat Harvested	100	100	100	91

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	13	27	38	21	1
Cotton	11	17	39	33	0
Peanuts	0	3	29	66	2
Soybeans	3	17	40	37	3
Winter Wheat	0	4	24	61	11
Livestock	3	9	29	53	6
Pasture & Range	6	21	35	35	3

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	3.3	0	7	93	0
District 20	4.6	0	23	74	3
District 30	5.4	1	53	46	0
District 40	5.4	17	44	39	0
District 50	5.2	17	25	54	4
District 60	5.2	24	37	36	3
State: Current Week	4.8	8	28	62	2
State: Previous Week	4.4	10	27	54	9

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Shane Seay, FSA CED, heavy thunderstorms in Limestone County helped drought conditions

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

but caused local flooding. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, confirmed scouting efforts to identify fall armyworms has begun throughout Blount Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph County still need more rainfall. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, stated Fayette County received good rainfall amounts this past week. Crops in Monroe County are in good condition thanks to recent rains, according to Karen McDonald, FSA CED. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said most crops in Bibb and Perry County have improved due to recent rainfall. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, reported crops look good in Washington and Clarke County. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, stated Escambia County received rainfall but is still under the average rain total for the year. Jimmy Todd, ACES CEC, reported farmers in Mobile County are having difficulty making timely fungicide applications and in weed control. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, confirmed Covington County received a good amount of rain. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said producers in Crenshaw County reported receiving 1.3 to 4.8 inches of rainfall over the past week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Shane Seay stated soybeans benefited from recent rainfall. Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed the improvement of the soybean crop and late planted corn in Marion and Winston County. Malone also said the cotton crop has begun blooming out the top which indicates that it has already done all it is going to do. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported recent rains helped the cotton and soybean crops in Jackson County; however, the cotton crop yield potential has been limited because it is already blooming out the top. Carol Gay reported cattle prices are being affected because of the shortage of corn. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, said rainfall is needed in Autauga County, and cotton is blooming out the top. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported fair to good conditions of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts while the corn crop is below average in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Todd stated the cotton crop is improving.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Seay said recent rainfall improved pasture conditions. Malone stated the second cutting of hay has the potential to be pretty good, and pastures are looking much better. Dorrough stated recent rainfall has improved forage availability in most areas. Smith said pastures are rebounding to some extent after recent rains. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, confirmed the hot and dry weather in Montgomery have affected pasture and hayfields. Headley said pastures and hayfields are greening. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said pastures look much better after recent rains, and the next cutting of hay potentially should be much better in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, July 16, 2012, to
Sunday, July 22, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	80.1	0.54
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	80.9	0.48
Atmore	Atmore	AL	80.5	2.28
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	82.1	0.70
Belle Mina	Belle Mina	AL	80.0	1.42
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	81.9	0.30
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	78.9	0.58
Clayton	Clayton	AL	80.6	4.00
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	78.8	2.36
Demopolis L&d	Demopolis	AL	80.0	1.24
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	81.4	1.21
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	80.5	2.94
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	80.8	2.68
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	80.7	2.16
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	80.5	2.26
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	79.9	0.50
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	81.9	0.60
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	80.4	2.71
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	84.0	0.00
Moulton 2	Moulton	AL	80.1	0.20
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	81.7	0.00
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	80.1	4.19
Selma	Selma	AL	80.9	0.83
Sylacauga	Sylacauga	AL	80.0	0.22

U.S. Drought Monitor, July 17, 2012

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.15	89.85	58.56	29.35	15.65	1.08
Last Week (07/10/2012 map)	8.36	91.64	58.88	31.53	15.65	1.08
3 Months Ago (04/17/2012 map)	47.98	52.02	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.99
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (07/12/2011 map)	13.70	86.30	56.59	39.92	22.22	9.18

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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